

#433 “MAYFAIR CAMPOUT”
May 28-30, 2010

“Better Late than never”, is an old adage that I find is necessary at the moment. Necessary, because the report on #433’s outing in Cloudfcroft, NM for the “Mayfair” is rather late. I apologize. Arriving late on May 28th we found everyone else had settled in and the Peers were last almost missing “Happy Hour.” Oh! For Shame!! We finally joined our group amid a marvelous rain and found the mountains refreshingly cool. How beautiful the mountains are in the spring. Spring had truly arrived with everything in bloom including the fir trees that this writer had no idea bore blossoms. Yes, they too have rebirth in the spring.

Friday, being our first day, finds us keeping dry under a fantastic shelter at the campsite. These maintained areas are reserved for group outings and are kept immaculate by the park rangers and staff. They are equipped with good size open air roofed shelters, barbecue pits and very clean restrooms. It is dry camping. But most of us have generators and inverters in our RV’s making dry camping no problem. Also a huge water tank was brought in for our use. First night is always “keep it simple” night. So hamburgers and hotdogs are usually on the agenda (my favorite).

Traditionally, Saturday is Mayfair which, unhappily, was rather small this year due to a very harsh winter demolishing the area where it is normally held. But those who went did managed a purchase or two. Others ventured off to Sun Spot which has an observatory equipped with large telescopes and other astrological data to check out. Those left at the camp site just lazed around and enjoyed the cool air and an occasional rain shower. Actually, we were resting up for steak night and a really intriguing program dealing with UFO’s. The night brought us a very informed Ufologist by the name of Dennis G. Balthaser and his equally informed wife Debbie, who have spent many years studying, researching, interviewing and lecturing about UFO’s. They reside in - - you guessed it, Roswell, NM. Rather appropriate, don’t you think? His lecture was very interesting, entertaining, and most informative. For more information you can go to his website: <http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com>. We all went away with plans to keep watching the skies. For who knows when the next UFO will land and where?

Sunday brought beautiful weather, our best of the weekend, which we all enjoyed to the fullest. Included in the reserved camping areas are really large fire rings, with the wood provided, to sit around. How fun it is to toast your toes and fingers and yes, finally come up with many a “S’more”! Gooley but yummy! after a delicious finger licking meal of smoked chicken. Sitting around the fire, many “remember when” stories were told and even a few tall tales which were laughed and scoffed at. The mountains are definitely wonderful, relaxing areas we all should visit from time to time. We hope to have enough interest to reserve the campsite again for next year. Everyone, mark your calendars for Memorial Day weekend, May 2011. We know we can and will have a most relaxing and entertaining time of it.